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A SLANDER.
An article entitled "Officialism," which appeared in the pages of our contemporary, the Macleod Gazette, last week, contained a slander, containing, as it did, some very grave charges against an officer of the N.W.M.P. The charges were against this officer—Major Dowling—when accused to appear before a court of law, and to be tried for the crime of accepting a bribe of \$100,000 to allow goods which arrived here consigned to Macleod, and which the Gazette attempted to think entirely out of his service to interfere with, that of refusing to accept bail until the freighter could satisfy him that he was innocent of the contents of the packages sent; and, of conducting the affair in a thoroughly dishonest and unethical manner; 4th, of partially.

We do not know where our worthy contemporary gleaned its information, but we can tell the editor, upon undoubted authority, that he has been misinformed. With regard to the first charge, we are authorized by the officer commanding the post here to state that it was he who authorized all steps taken in the matter, and not Major Dowling, as stated by the Gazette; and that if there be any blame attached to the preceding, he (Inspector Steele) is quite willing to shoulder it. As to interfering with matters beyond their jurisdiction, it seems the Gazette has yet to learn that the police here have a right to open any suspicious-looking case or package which comes along, whether it be for this or any other place.

The cases in question, which contained alcohol and Florida water, were labelled "Sweet spirits of Nitro," and being of a doubtful appearance, the officer on duty examined them, and soon discovered their contents to be of a much less innocent nature. They were consequently seized. Again, the freighter in charge of them was not fined \$100,000 and told that he might recover damages from the consignor, as the officer commanding accepted security for his appearance when required without the slightest delay. This also refutes the accusation concerning the treaty and unofficial nature of the trial. As to the charge of partiality conveyed in the sentence that "goods for certain gentlemen at Macleod were favored with special attention," here, it is utterly unfounded. We are assured that no such statement was made, and no officer in his sober senses would ever dream of saying such a thing.

Our contemporary goes on to state that the gentleman to whom this case was addressed had received permission from the Lieut. Governor to bring in alcohol for a legitimate purpose. This is obviously false, as it is well known that no one can cause them to be labelled, "Sweet spirits of Nitro." The officer commanding the Calgary post does not require to be taught this duty, and that too by one who, when a constable, could not perform those allotted to himself, and at the same time was able to state that he had a right to be a subordinate, but in chief command.

THE MINING LAWS.
The long expected mining laws have at last come to hand after hundreds of claims have been staked out and applied for and a great deal of expense has been gone to try the parties, and we are glad to say that no claim has been staked out in accordance with the present law. The first question arises: Are the parties who have staked out the claims allowed to change their manner of staking out and go to the new expense; and some parties have done a great deal of work in a shape they would not have done had they known their rights would be changed in any way by the present act. Export facts legislation is always to be avoided, as no rights were granted in the ground when the claims were staked, we found the Government will compel the parties to conform to the new regulations, which will cause much trouble, and in some cases great expense. It should have been expressed in the regulations that they were not to interfere with vested rights, but as in most all legislation in this country the Government is behind the people.

If the Government intended to be liberal by making the location forty acres for quartz mining, instead of twenty acres as in the British Columbian and American claims, the opinion of the experienced miners here is that they have slightly failed, and that the regulations are no bad but few prospectors will care to work under them. The first fault found is that the lines running due north and south, east and west, will in many cases deprive the holder of a large part of the vein. The American law only provides that the ends be parallel, and the boundary lines may follow the vein or may be straight, but the latter may run found that by the boundary beneath the surface being the vertical plane in which the surface boundaries lie, a miner can only work a vein a portion of the vein he discovers; or in the case of the angle of the dip of the vein is large, say, as in some cases, forty-five degrees, so that the claim would be of great expense, and the party on the adjoining claim, including the vein road, would derive all the advantage of a rich vein. Although he, to benefit by it, would have to stake a great distance to get the lead. All that is necessary under these regulations is that a man get a good claim that he staked by, and watch how the veins of his neighboring dip, and after a vein had been discovered, and developed to commercial work on his to reach the vein, and then he would reap the reward of all the first discoverer's pluck and labor. The vein travels in but few cases in a perpendicular direction, and such a regulation as we are criticizing could only work as a rule in deposits of minerals.

The American law provides that when a man has found a vein he may follow it in all its dips, again and angles, so that when a miner has struck a vein he may follow it outside the vertical planes and have all the benefit of the lead wherever it goes, and not that he is to develop the lead in his neighborhood. So only a man would have to stake to see what he finds. As under the present law, in package mine came out of it, he would only develop a vein for the benefit of an entire stratum, while under the original American a ground would own

run out in most cases as the dip would carry the lead outside the vertical plane. The provisions as to the five hundred dollars' worth the first year and five dollars an acre, would drive everything out of the hands of the poor man and give all to the rich. What mine can go in one season, say, between June 1st and the 1st of November, and do his work? What prospect miner has \$500 to go to work to dig out the paying gold? Surely, our Government never intended to say this, unless they meant to say to the practical miner, on whom the country depends for its development: "We reserve our locations for the man of means; the miner without means had better cross the border and develop other lands. Our land is held only for him who already has wealth." The Government might as well say that the coal lands at Crowfoot, and hold it. Heaven only knows for what purpose unless it be for some purpose that bores no good or profit to this country.

The design of the Government may be seen when we refer to a clause further on in the regulations. Contrast this with the mountain mining laws and the laws in nearly every mining State; they require \$100 a year to be spent in each one of five years. What Montana miner, when he comes here, will feel otherwise than disgusted, and learn for his loss. Surely, we thought to be as liberal as our neighbors. When the regulations say nothing as to tunnels in quartz claims or tunnel sites, the miner will ask who drew the regulations, or if any miner has even seen them. And we venture to say that if the mines turn out as well as expected, the first amendment will be that regulations will be made as to tunnels; and it requires no great foresight on our part to cable us the world has seen such provisions embodied in them, and have been taught their necessity by experience.

We will return to this matter again, as we have most serious objections to urge against the other regulations, and think we can show that an immediate change must be made if trouble is to be avoided, and that the miners may work contentedly on their claims. The Regina Leader alludes to the fact that the Government fears that the miner may be the final ruin of our country and laws be put to shame.

BARBARIC BUSINESS.
We have seen the plans for a very handsome residence to be built for Major Walker on the banks of the Bow. The building will contain drawing and dining rooms, parlors, and a billiard room, and china closets, cellar, hall and vestibule. The doors are to be 8 x 10 ft., and filled with stained glass. The gables are filled with ornamental verge iron and other materials. The plans were prepared by E. McCosker, Esq., who has a number of plans for other buildings now in hand.

CORRESPONDENCE.
We do not hold ourselves responsible for the views expressed by correspondents.

A Grievance.
To the Editor of the Herald.
Sir, I am a Engineer of Construction. Mr. James Ross, has issued the following notice:

NOTICE.
All parties are hereby forbidden to cut any timber or erect any building from the Summit westward, within one mile of the centre of the C.P.R., without special orders. Further, it is intimated that no one will be allowed to use the wagon road—a road used by miners and old timers when James Ross was in command. And all this in a free country!

Friends Among Strangers.
To the Editor of the Herald.
Sir, I cannot leave this town and build a city for any city without the knowledge of the great kindness shown to my party on our arrival and during our stay. On Tuesday evening, July 1st, we landed here, strangers and pilgrims—we thought, unknown and unexpected. But both our coming and our wants were anticipated. Instead of finding out on the prairie or sleeping in a freight car, as we expected, two new and commodious cottages were placed at our disposal, a cooking stove put a dinner of blankets put in, and instead of finding nothing, we felt at home in a single hour among the kindly and the devoted of these western plains.

Even the necessities of our outfit and our wants were not overlooked, but stable and food were waiting for us. Our thanks are due to the Rev. Mr. Turner, the genial and amiable minister of the Methodist Church here, to Mr. J. C. McLeod, Clerk of the Hudson Bay Company, Messrs. Douglas, Cushing, Thomas, Braden and others whose names I cannot now remember, who met us at our camp, gave us a hearty welcome, and only left us when every want was supplied, and we were ready to start on our journey. On behalf of the Red Deer party, I am, Sir, very respectfully,
LEO. GALT.

SUMMARY.
Special Correspondence to the Herald.
The move has been rapidly progressing during the past week, and it is almost certain that communication between this and the other side is once more open. The difficulty of surveying (see p. 10) a temporary line through the Kicking Horse Pass already located and built at work. The surveyors are now at the head of this side of the tunnel, while Nelson's, Weston's and Quirk's parties are working from the other side towards the Kicking Horse Pass. The C. V. R. is pushing ahead with its

ventured energy and rapidity. The road bed is solid except on the grade. The move is going on the north side. Last Saturday Major Hurd started with his party across the Columbia to the Selkirk. His communications for the present are kept up by his own country and Mail Carrier Winter. The Major has an independent command, and he will deliver it.

Holt City is very quiet. Although \$100,000 has been paid in the last few days, everything goes as regular as the tick of a clock. James Coffman has started a music hall. A piano and good concert music, 5,000 feet above the sea! Just think of it. Prospector are flocking in already, and if they want to get miners' goods they must call at Nightingale, Leeson & Co.'s store, while the C. B. R. Hotel and the Norman House will do justice to every one who stops at either of them.

There will be another settlement at Oak Creek, between Silver City and Holt City. A number of houses are already in course of erection there. It is to be hoped that the C.P.R. will make it a town, as it is the only place in the country. King & Co. of Calgary, have been for some time past shipping heavy consignments of goods to various places along the line between Calgary and Summit. Calgary is our principal shipping point.

SILVER CITY.
Special Correspondence to the Herald.
Silver City is quiet. The people here are awaiting the completion of the railway. Mr. Corry has commenced the survey of our city.

Monty Green Bros., late of Medicine Hat, arrived on last train. They intend establishing a first-class hotel here. Mr. Ross, Calgary's enterprising hotelier, is about to establish a hotel here. The above mining laws are still productive of much uneasiness. If some of the framers of these laws could hear them being applied to their own claims, they would stop down and out of Ottawa.

The smiling face of George Winter, with his bundle of living minerals, home up once a week as regular as clock work.

Latest Despatches.
EUROPE.
LONDON.
Special to the Herald.
Charles Reade, the novelist, is dead.

General have been arrested for attempted dynamite explosions.

OTTAWA.
Special to the Herald.
A Cuban named Mayaguez has been arrested in Florida. It is said on the strength of a telegram received from Lord Lansdowne, who has promised to believe that Mayaguez came to America to assassinate him.

It is probable that Parliament will be prorogued this week. The British Columbia anti-Chinese Bill has been dissolved.

The Winnipeg and Hudson Bay Railway Bill has passed the third stage in the Commons and is nearly through the Senate. It is probable the Nelson Valley Railway Company will be compensated for withdrawing opposition to the Hudson Bay Railway.

Among the items in the last supplementary estimate are: To improve the Saskatchewan River, \$100,000; bridge over Old Man River at Fort McMurray, \$2,000; bridge at Battleford, \$5,000; bridge over Hudson Bay, \$70,000; balance of salary of two teachers of Church of England schools in District of Athabasca, \$4,000.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE.
Special to the Herald.
Mr. Watson, M.P., will be accompanied by his friends here on the 24th inst.

WINNIPEG.
Special to the Herald.
On Monday the Legion does not after the holiday, but it has been finally decided to appeal to the Imperial Privy Council for redress of the grievances of the Porters and Nonpaying and Miller will shortly leave for England.

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The C.P.R. is making an effort to run their trains between Winnipeg and the Rockies in fifty-five hours. The road at this diverge some miles this side of Fort Arthur, and a branch line only will run to the latter place.

A Red River Expedition Association is being formed here. The C.P.R. is making an effort to run their trains between Winnipeg and the Rockies in fifty-five hours.

A new timetable is about to be issued here. Edward Farrer, formerly editor of the Times, has accepted the editorship of the Sun.

BIRTHS.
On Friday the 10th inst. the wife of Mr. Wm. Morris, of a daughter.

THE ACCIDENT.
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Patron, Joseph, Paton & Co., New York. Manager, Joseph, Paton & Co., New York. Assistant, Joseph, Paton & Co., New York.

Annual Report.
Presented at the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, held at the Company's Office, 201 St. James Street, on the 10th of July, 1894. The Directors have pleasure in reporting to the Shareholders the results of the Company's operations during the year ending 31st March 1894. The following is a summary of the results:

FINANCIAL POSITION.
The Balance of Receipts and Expenditure Amount, carried forward to the Profit and Loss Account, is £107,000. The Profit and Loss Account, after deducting the expenses of the year, is £107,000. The Profit and Loss Account, after deducting the expenses of the year, is £107,000.

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Every day the date has been promptly settled, and the company is in a position to meet all its obligations. The company is in a position to meet all its obligations. The company is in a position to meet all its obligations.

The following shows the progress of the Company from the commencement: Date, Gross Profit, Date, Gross Profit, 1874, £21,015.30, 1875, £24,946.71, 1876, £20,098.13, 1877, £21,274.51, 1878, £21,791.40, 1879, £22,065.63.

In the rapid increase of demand in the United States, there have been numerous heavy and often unprofitable purchases to be borne, the supplies for Agents of themselves a serious loss, and as it was impossible to supply the demand, the Agents have not been able to supply the demand. The company is in a position to meet all its obligations.

There are now in the United States and limited associations for the Company of agent business, and for this Company to have made the progress it has in the last four years has been in the United States, since its formation in 1874, not only make the company a valuable business, but also a valuable business.

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